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SUBJECT: VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF MINISTER OF ECONOMY GOSTA BOHMAN

REF: (A) STATE 82736, (B) BUTCHER-BOEKER TELCON APRIL 5,
(C) STOCKHOLM 1510

1. AS REPORTED IN TELCON, MINFIN BOHMAN IS ANXIOUS TO HEAR US POSITION REGARDING AUGMENTATION OF IMF FINANCING. SWEDES WERE HIT HARD ON THIS SUBJECT BY OECD SEC GEN VAN LENNEP DURING MARCH VISIT TO STOCKHOLM. VAN LENNEP ACCUSED US OF SELLING OUT OECD SUPPORT FUND. ACCORDING TO MIN ECON AFFAIRS OFFICIAL, LUND, BOHMAN FELT VERY MUCH OUT OF IT WHEN VAN LENNEP MADE THIS ATTACK, AND BOHMAN WAS UNHAPPY THAT SWEDES COULD ONLY REPLY: "WE AREN'T INFORMED ABOUT THAT YET." AT THE TIME, SWEDES HAD NOT EVEN RECEIVED WITTEVEEN PROPOSAL THROUGH IMF CHANNELS.

2. BOHMAN'S KEEP INTEREST IN KNOWLEDGE OF US POSITION IS SHARPENED BY FACT THAT HE WILL BECOME HEAD OF GROUP OF 10 THIS FALL, AND WILL, OF COURSE, BE IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 28-29 FOR IMF MEETING. SWEDES WILL ALSO BE MEETING WITH NORDICS AND OTHER EUROPEANS BEFORE CIEC MEETING THIS MONTH IN PARIS.

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3. WE BELIEVE IT WORTH THE EFFORT TO INFORM SWEDES TO EXTENT WE REASONABLY CAN. BOHMAN IS NEW IN HIS JOB, WITHOUT EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCE, AND SHOULD RESPOND FAVORABLY TO DEMONSTRATION OF DESIRE TO KEEP HIM INFORMED.

4. LUND HAS ASKED THAT WE PASS ON WHAT WE CAN ASAP,
AND HOPEFULLY BEFORE APRIL 15.
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